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ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND SECRETION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

Invent Title:

the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto,

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Docket Number: 1781-178P

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Jeak Ling DING et al.

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Title: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND SECRETION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

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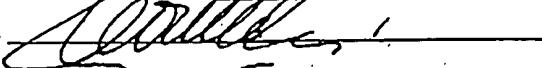
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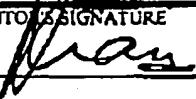
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